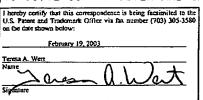
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ODOR-NEUTRALIZING AND LIQUID-ABSORBING TRASH BAGS For:

## **AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of 11/19/02, please consider the following remarks.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A container for use in the disposal of food wastes, the container comprising: a liquid impervious wall having inner and outer surfaces; an absorbent material having deposited thereon an effective amount of an odorneutralizing composition for neutralizing odors emitted by food wastes; the odor-neutralizing composition comprising cyclodextrin; wherein the absorbent material is inside the container.

- 3. (Amended) A container according to claim 2 adapted to be closed and sealed.
- 5. (Twice amended) A container according to claim 1 wherein the odor-neutralizing composition further comprises an ingredient selected from a group consisting of activated charcoal, baking soda, absorbent gelling material, zeolite, silica and mixtures thereof.
- 6. (Twice amended) A container according to claim 1 wherein the odor-neutralizing composition further comprises a chelant.
- 7. (Twice amended) A container according to claim 1 wherein the odor-neutralizing composition further comprises an antimicrobial agent.



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